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People's empowerment and development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 66/224 of 22 December 2011 on people's empowerment and development,

Guided by the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations,

Expressing concern about the crippling effects of poverty, inequality and disparity all over the globe, and recognizing that people should be the key focus of plans, programmes and policies, at all levels,

Recognizing that the empowerment of people is essential to achieving development,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, in articulating the linkages between people's empowerment and development,

1. *Notes* the proposal of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh on integrating the interlinked and mutually reinforcing elements of people's empowerment and development, expressed as eradicating poverty and hunger, reducing inequality, mitigating deprivation, creating jobs for all, including excluded people, accelerating human development and fighting terrorism in all its forms and manifestations in accordance with international law;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Government of Bangladesh for organizing the International Conference on People's Empowerment and Development, held in Dhaka on 5 and 6 August 2012, and takes note of the views expressed by participating Member States at the Conference, as reflected in the Chair's summary;

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3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of the high-level panel on the theme "Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all", which will hold its discussions during the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development in 2013;

4. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to include information relevant to the present resolution in his report to the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly on progress in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals up until 2015.